

Towson University
The Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies
Ian Moore Memorial Lecture

Abortion and Democratic Equality

Professor Japa Pallikkathayil



Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6 p.m.

College of Liberal Arts Building, 4310

Buffet dinner to follow in the L.A. Café

Please join us for a talk by Professor Japa Pallikkathayil, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Pallikkathayil works on issues at the intersection of moral and political philosophy, and her current work focuses on bodily rights.

Lecture Abstract: A central tenet of the liberal tradition in political philosophy is that citizens must be able to relate to one another as equals. I argue that this commitment to what I call democratic equality is in tension with restrictive abortion laws of the sort presently sweeping the United States. This is so even if we conceive of fetuses as citizens, as I suggest we should.

This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies. Visitor parking will be available in the Towson Town Garage. Please direct any questions to Emily Parker 410-704-2860 eparker@towson.edu.